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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 15, 2011, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.